GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6676
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2002
EVASION OF EXCISE DUTY
N.T. SHANMUGAM

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to reintroduce the earlier system of Gate Passes issued/authenticated by Central Excise Officers on the consignment dispatched by the industries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that presently many industries in the country are evading Central Excise duties on the sales/invoices/ consignments; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken to generate the revenue share of Central Government from the Central Excise pool on this account?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some cases of duty evasion have been noticed.

(d) Whenever duty evasion is noticed the same is investigated and steps are initiated in accordance with legal provisions to recover the duty and safeguard revenue.